

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/31/08 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Susan Pan on 4/10/08. **Claim 18** is now replaced as shown below:

18. A cradle unit for a digital camera, said digital camera being capable of selecting one of modes including a data transfer mode for transferring image data to an external apparatus and an external- display mode for displaying the image data on external display means, said cradle unit comprising:

 a receiving portion for receiving said digital camera;

 a connection terminal to be connected to said digital camera; a power-supply portion for supplying an electric power to said digital camera;

 a data output port for transferring said image data to said external apparatus;

 an external-display output port for outputting said image data to said external display means;

 an operation-code generator for generating an operation code for operating said external display means;

 a transmitter for sending said operation code to said external display means in a wireless manner, said operation code being sent so as to put said external display means in an external input condition, under which the image is able to be displayed, when said digital camera placed in said receiving portion is set to the external display mode, wherein

when the external display means receives the operation code, the external display means selects to receive data from an external input apparatus.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 and 18-24 are allowed (now renumbered as 1-5, 6-12).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUAN H. LE whose telephone number is (571)270-1130. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5:00 F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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